



Legislative Research Council

SOUTH DAKOTA CODE COMMISSION MINUTES

**Ninety-sixth Meeting
Friday, June 18, 2004**

**Back Dining Room
Ramkota Inn-Best Western
Pierre, SD**

The ninety-sixth meeting of the South Dakota Code Commission was called to order by Chair Michael DeMersseman at 11:30 a.m., June 18, 2004, in the Back Dining Room of the Ramkota Inn-Best Western, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Commissioners Eric Bogue (Vice-Chair), Michael DeMersseman (Chair), Tom Lee, and Lee McCahren.

Staff member present was Doug Decker, Code Counsel.

All material distributed at the meeting is attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council. For the purpose of continuity, these minutes are not necessarily in chronological order.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bogue moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2004, meeting. Motion prevailed unanimously on a voice vote.

Agenda Items

Chair DeMersseman opened the meeting by asking Mr. Rick Brown, Director of Codes Contents, Thomson West (West), to comment about the new South Dakota Codified Laws (Code). Mr. Brown made a presentation to the State Bar convention about the Code and the editorial features added to the Code. Mr. Brown commented that the Code has been well received and that various bar members have reviewed the Index and have commented favorably about it. He looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the State of South Dakota.

After more general discussion about the Code, Chair DeMersseman asked about a possible replacement for Representative McCaulley. Representative McCaulley's replacement will be a member of the House of Representatives and will be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The commission returned to discussion of the Code and concerns about the future cost for the purchase of the Code. Mr. Brown and Mr. Jim Anderson, Thomson West, assured the commission that West will work with the commission to address this issue.

Commissioner Bogue complimented West for their cooperative working relationship.

Mr. Lary Zastrow, representing the State Bar of South Dakota, returned to the issue of future price increases. Mr. Brown and others commented that the contract allows for future price increases. The contract provides that the amount of the increase is tied to the publisher price index for similar publications.

Following more general discussion, *Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner McCahren, that the meeting adjourn. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



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